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Larger Mitchell incorporation map denied

Village backers plan to proceed with 7.28-square-mile plan

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Mitchell incorporation backers will go ahead with a plan for a smaller community

now that an appellate court in Edwardsville has ruled against them in their attempt to form a

MITCHELL

larger village. The 5th District Appellate Court has upheld a ruling by Chief Associate Judge Randall Bono that, in effect, blocks incorporation of a village of 22

square miles. Mitchell incorporation supporters initially attempted in early July 1997 to get a referendum on the ballot that could have led to the

incorporation of a 22-square-mile village. The Madison County Board voted July 16, 1997, to institute rules for incorporation. The board rules stated that the

board must find that the proposed incorporation results in a sufficient tax base to fund municipal services and that

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Area Baptists heading for Kenya

200 people being sought for joint mission

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

As Christians prepare for the birth of the Savior, Metro-East Baptists are making plans for a mission to spread the Gospel in Kenya.

A joint venture between the Metro-East Baptist Association and other St. Louis-area Southern Baptist organizations will visit Kenya from June 15 to July 15, 1999. The Baptists are looking for 200 people, 100 for each two-week period, said the Rev. Tommy Cupples of the Metro-East Baptist Association.

"We'll be doing personal work, dealing with people on a one-on-one basis," he said. Volunteers will do lots of walking in hot weather and will be traveling to individual villages. The mission is designed for personal witnessing to Kenyans about Christ,

Cupples said, so no construction projects are planned like in other mission trips.

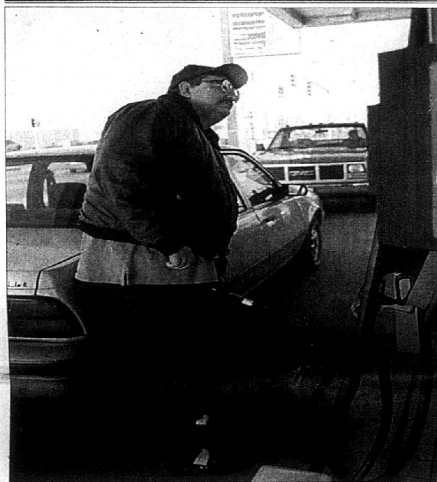
The project will involve working with existing Kenyan churches to assist them in evangelism or experience revival within the churches.

Participants will be expected to be able to give a clear gospel presentation leading to a commitment, teach about Christian life, spiritual growth and what it means to be a church member.

The missionaries won't be going in cold, either, he said, because a lot of missionaries in Kenya have good contacts locally. Plus, he said, there are a few veteran Kenyan missionaries living in the greater St. Louis area.

Kenyans are open and

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Tim Stephenson photo
Glen Penberthy of Pontoon Beach pumps gas into his car at the QuikTrip at Madison and Midringhaus in Granite City. Gas prices in the area have plunged into the low 70-cent range in recent weeks.

Gasoline prices take extra-low plunge

But don't expect good times to last forever

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

Metro-East residents will have a few extra dollars to put in their Christmas budgets this year as prices at gas pumps hit their lowest level since 1988.

Regular unleaded is as low as 76 cents per gallon and the average 12-gallon fill-up is now \$9. Prices are down 37 cents from the summer, when the national average price was \$1.13. According to David Sykuta, executive director of the Illinois Petroleum Council, gasoline prices are driven by two primary factors: the degree of taxation (which doesn't change much) and the cost of crude oil.

Sykuta said the price of a barrel of crude oil has dropped to \$11, with the average price being between \$16 and \$18 per barrel.

"This is the lowest price we have seen in 14 to 15 years," Sykuta said. "If you factor in inflation, it's as low as its ever been."

Sykuta said that crude oil prices are low because supply is higher than demand. "The Asian economy is slowing and they are using less fuel; this makes an oversupply," Sykuta said. "In addition, countries are producing more oil than expected and there has been a partial lifting on the ban on Iraq."

Sykuta added that a warm winter nationwide also had an impact, putting a crunch on demand.

Are the low gas prices really something to get pumped up

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DCFS begins probes

Two children burned in one incident

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has been called in to investigate two incidents in the Madison and Venice area, including one in which two children were burned by hot water.

The two, ages 5 and 3, were taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. The elder child, a boy, was treated and released, while the younger child, a girl, was transferred to a St. Louis hospital.

The two were allegedly

burned when they pulled a pan of hot water off of a stove in their home.

According to reports, police were sent to the home Monday evening after their mother called 911.

The mother told police she had cooked hot dogs for the children and sent them to bed, and while she was in the living room she heard them scream.

When she went to the kitchen, she found both had been injured. She said the two had apparently pulled the pot off the stove while looking for more hot dogs.

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Regional Leadership Council seeks global reach

New web site promotes Southwestern Illinois to entire world

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

With the announcement of a new web site, the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois has gone global.

Located at www.siteselection-ill.com, it emphasizes the region's transportation system, economic incentives and available land in business parks.

"The thing has been

available for about a month, but calling attention to it is the issue at hand," said Jim Pennekamp, executive director of the Leadership Council.

"When we created this, it was created on behalf of



Pennekamp created on behalf of

Southwestern Illinois. The Leadership Council is the author and sponsor of the page, but it's done on behalf of the region."

The Leadership Council is also seeking participation by other economic development and business organizations. Pennekamp said he wants them to contact the council with information to help build the web site.

"Before we did a formal announcement, we sent out

information to all of those entities and said, we want to link to you, we want your suggestions and criticisms," he said.

They also want additions, specifically available business parks.

The web site now lists five, but Pennekamp said there are many more.

"We want to include as much as possible about

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Madison County Board plans tax cap hearings

Referendum on issue scheduled April 13; two cities exempt

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Madison County Board members met Thursday to devise a plan to educate the public about tax caps in time for a referendum April 13. Although the board will remain neutral, some members will coordinate panel discussions to offer "pros and cons."

"This is not the County Board's decision; it's the public's decision," said Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, chairman of the tax cap ad hoc committee. "We have four months to get the information out. If people know it will be on the ballot, they'll pay more attention to it."

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said, "The press didn't cover it last time around."

Steve Stobbs, R-Godfrey, introduced the proposal. "If we put it on the ballot as a vote of the people and conduct formal hearings, we'll get a lot more (media) coverage," Stobbs' proposal was approved by the ad hoc committee, consisting of members of the Finance and Legislative Councils.

Stobbs' proposal was approved by the board, panels throughout the county will probably be scheduled.

If voters approve the tax cap proposal, most taxing bodies in the county would not be allowed to raise their tax levy more than 5 percent or above the inflation rate — whichever is less —

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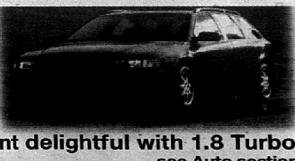
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Community calendar

Christmas

The OLD SIX MILE MUSEUM has scheduled its annual Christmas Open House for 1 to 4 p.m. today at 3279 Marvline Road.

The house will be decorated in both modern and old-fashioned styles to fit the season. The large display room in the front of the house will be turned into a gift shop, the ideal place to purchase those last-minute gifts.

The book "Granite City: A Pictorial History" that was written and developed in conjunction with the recent 1998 Centennial year, will be on sale, a good gift idea for older family and friends who have moved from the area.

The WEST GRANITE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Christmas Skating Party for 4 to 12 year olds is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at Tri-City Skateway, 1823 Cleveland Blvd. There is no admission charge. Door prizes will be offered and Santa Claus will be present. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Santa Claus is holding "office hours" for SANTA'S HOLIDAY AVENUE at Santa's Cabin at Delmar and Niedringhaus now until Christmas.

Hours Santa will be at the Cabin are 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 8 p.m. Sundays.

PONTON BAPTIST CHURCH is

planning a candlelight Christmas Eve service starting at 5 p.m. Dec. 24. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Ponton Road and Illinois 111.

Concerts/musicals

PONTON BAPTIST CHURCH presents a Christmas musical/drama entitled "It Took a Miracle" at 7 p.m. Dec. 13. The musical features music by John Peterson, arranged by Don Marsh. The free program will be followed by a time of fellowship. All are welcome at the church, on the corner of Ponton Road and Illinois 111.

The SUMMERSTAGE PLAYHOUSE is announcing auditions for "Nunsense-Amen!" the all-male version of Dan Goggin's hit musical about the Little Sisters of Hoboken. Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 26 at the playhouse, 2305 Pershing Ave. in Granite City. Prospective cast members should prepare one musical-comedy song, read from the script, and learn a short dance routine. Call Marc at 451-7612 for more information.

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SHINING LIGHT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH is holding a ordina-

tion service for the Rev. Alexander Quincy Williams and Evangelist Sheldene Williams and the crowning of a deacon for Brother Earl Walker at 6 p.m. today, Sunday. The guest speaker will be the Rev. James Harrell of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

The ILLINOIS TREKKERS VOLKSPORT CLUB hosts its annual New Year's Eve Walk Dec. 31 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The starting point for the guided, night walk, a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) trail, will be in Bonaventure's Cafeteria in SEMC. Walkers may register beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the walk beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone should be finished and back at SEMC by 10 p.m.

The walk will be through the streets of Granite City on sidewalks and paved streets. Wheelchairs and strollers can managed the walk with minimum difficulty.

The event is open to the public and all ages are welcome, with family participation encouraged. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets allowed inside SEMC. Restrooms are available at the start/finish point, and parking is available in the 21st Street parking garage across from SEMC.

For more information, call 397-3815.

Crash claims Glenn Lindsay's life

Glenn S. Lindsay, president of L.E. Lindsay Construction Co. in Granite City, died Dec. 4 from injuries suffered in a car crash.

Lindsay, 43, was born April 13, 1955, in Trinidad, British West Indies. He was raised in Granite City and earned a degree in civil engineering and a master's in business administration from Washington University in St. Louis.

He served as president of L.E. Lindsay Construction Co.

since 1978.

Lindsay was a registered professional engineer and was a member of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, retired president of Timberline Users Group, the National Federation of Independent Business, retired president of Southern Illinois Builders Association, Associated General Contractors, Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, a founding member of Exodus

World Service and board member of Connexus Inc.

Lindsay was a master of ceremonies for Aftape Christian Music Festival and was a member of West County Assembly of God Church.

Services were Monday, Dec. 7, at West County Assembly of God Church, Chesterfield, Mo., with the Rev. Allen Groff officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt. Memorials may be made to the Exodus World Service, a ministry to help refugees.

Shimkus: I'm no Clinton swing vote

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, dispelled any notion Thursday that he might be a "swing vote" in the U.S. House's decision on whether to impeach President Clinton.

Shimkus, who was re-elected last month to a second term serving Illinois' 20th Congressional District, spoke Thursday to the Edwardsville Rotary Club.

After his speech, Shimkus met briefly with reporters to answer questions about how he would vote if the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, as expected, returned articles of impeachment against Clinton.

"I don't know where that 'swing vote' came from," Shimkus said. "People know me; they know my values. They should be able to guess. I don't think I'm a swing vote."

He said that if his vote was in doubt, he would expect to be receiving pressure from people in Clinton's administration.

"I haven't heard from anyone," he said. "No one has called me personally to talk and lobby me on this."

Shimkus said he believed most of his constituents would expect him to vote for impeachment.

"I'm a West Pantier, an Army officer, and the president is the chief executive officer. His responsibility is to carry out the law of the land. If people are doing the taling, and they know me, they know my values and they know my background. I think they can make that leap," he said.

Part of what makes the issue difficult to explain to his constituents is that many think impeachment is the same as a conviction and removal from office, Shimkus said.

"Impeachment does not mean that you throw them out of office," he said. "Our role is as a grand jury."

Impeachment asks if there is credible fact evidence that the president may have broken the law or abused power or committed perjury."

If the full House votes to forward the articles of impeachment to the U.S.

Senate, Clinton's trial actually would be held there. It would take a two-thirds majority in the Senate to remove Clinton from office.

"No one is even claiming that there is close to a two-thirds majority."

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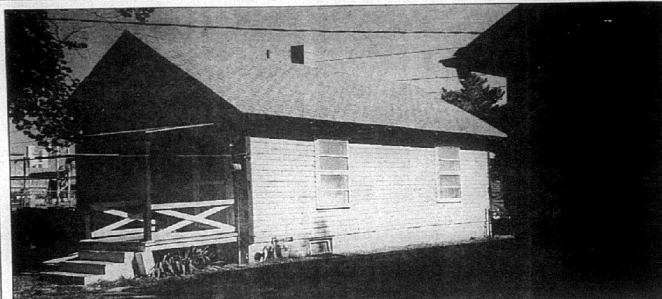
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Madison schools receive grant

Money will help with staff development

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison School District has received an additional \$75,000 federal grant to extend its district-wide staff development program.

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The money comes from the Comprehensive Reform Demonstration Grant program, a part of the Title I program. "Our first target is to increase the usage of Workshop Way and those kind of strategies at the upper grades," said Madison School Superintendent Gary Allison. In 1995, the district started to emphasize in-house staff development using the "Workshop Way" program,

primarily in grades K-7. Since then, teachers have met in small groups on a weekly basis and group leaders meet once per month. Allison said they plan to use the same program at the higher grade levels.

"We selected Workshop Way because it includes all the effective staff development and educational reform initiatives identified in current research," Allison said. "In Workshop Way, it's all there, you don't need to do anything else." The district went with the weekly approach rather than the traditional "teachers' institute" type programs because while the teachers might have come back from the day-long programs excited, without ongoing support, they would soon go back to their old

habits and teaching methods.

Part of the money will be used to allow teachers and administrators to travel to other districts and view how their staff development programs work at the upper grade levels.

"I think we're probably one of the most successful users at the primary grades," he said.

Allison said he believes the program has been "very successful" and cited an average 18 percent increase in state test scores over the past year.

He also said staff morale is very high and he has "seen good things" going on in the district's buildings.

In other district news, Madison Middle School Principal Raelynn Parks was recently informed that she was one of 10 Illinois educators selected to participate in the Middle Grade School State Policy Initiative Professional Development for School Trainers.

The program will take place in Dallas in January. Middle-grade experts from across the country will take part in the program, based on their expertise in middle school education.

Area Baptists heading to Kenya in June

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very responsive to hearing the Gospel, Cupples said. Southern Baptists have been really successful there," he said.

The mission — one of peace and love — is a stark contrast to the chaos of August, when terrorists set off bombs at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

The bombing over there was a very unusual

situation," Cupples said. "One of the missionaries there was able to move right in and minister."

"(Kenya) are) very lax on security, and Americans have never been a target at all," he said. "The relations of Americans to Kenyans have been historically good."

Baptists wishing to become missionaries should not worry about trouble, Cupples said. The bombing was an isolated event, and the U.S. State Department does not consider travel to

Kenya to be dangerous, he said.

Baptists interested in spreading the Gospel to Kenya should call 234-8515 as soon as possible.

The trip is open to Baptists 16 years old and older. The cost is estimated to be \$1,850 for two weeks.

Reservations can be made by sending a \$50 deposit to the Metro-East Baptist Association, 15 Longacre Drive, Fairview Heights, Ill., 62208. The full amount is due by Feb. 1.

School district gives Pistrui nod

Company gets Grigsby renovation contract

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The same firm that designed the renovated Granite City High School has gotten the official nod to draw the plans for the middle schools.

The Granite City Board of Education approved giving Pistrui Group, Inc., the contract to draw the designs for a planned 18-room addition to Grigsby Middle School and renovations to Coolidge Middle School, said

Superintendent Steve Balen.

The designs are part of a \$8.7 million district-wide renovation project that will also involve additional rooms for Maryville School and an update for Niedringhaus Elementary, the oldest school building in the district.

The money comes from a combination of existing district money and at least \$2.2 million in state funds. Over the past five years, the Board of Education has set aside money for just such construction projects.

Balen said earlier this year that the district wants

to add rooms to Grigsby in hopes of having sixth-graders attend both Grigsby and Coolidge middle schools.

In other business, the board approved a new policy that gives students excused absences for religious purposes. Students whose faith forbids them from participating in work or school, such as the Jewish Rosh Hashanah holiday, won't be penalized for missing school.

Parents will have to provide written notice to their child's school at least five days before the event.

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Obituaries

Catherine Cornelison

CATHERINE E. (TRITTSCH) CORNELISON, 83, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Mrs. Cornelison was born April 4, 1915, in Granite City. She was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ, where she served as an elder and was a member of the Afternoon Guild and the Quilters.

Survivors include her husband, Glenwood S. Cornelison, and Glenwood R. Cornelison, both of Granite City; three sisters, Josephine Sortor of Edwardsville and Louise Favier and June Patterson, both of Granite City; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Edna (Perke) Trittsch; two brothers, Robert and Fred Trittsch; and one sister, Marie Boren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 13, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ in Granite City, with the Rev. Rose Harmon officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Charles Fulkerson

CHARLES R. FULKERSON, 89, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, at Colonial Care Nursing Home in Granite City.

Mr. Fulkerson was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Morgantown, Ky. He was

retired from Dow Chemical as a press operator and a member of the union 4500 United Steel Workers. Survivors include his wife, Nettie (Ramsey) Fulkerson; one son, Mike Fulkerson of Milan, Mich.; one daughter, Linda Slavings of Pleasant Hope, Mo.; one brother, James Fulkerson of Kentucky; and one grandchild, Tony Fulkerson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Fulkerson and Mary Phroni Randels; one brother, Norman Fulkerson; and three sisters, Grace Sparks, Renee Styles and Ruth Moore.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 13, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Vernon House officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Gary Harris Sr.

GARY HARRIS, SR., died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at his son's home in Granite City.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Freda Johnson-Hoefel

FREDA I. (HARVEL) JOHNSON-HOEFEL, 78, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Johnson-Hoefel was born Oct. 27, 1920, in Thebes.

Services are pending at St. Mary's Mortuary in Granite City.

Louis Kosh

LOUIS J. KOSH, 96, of Mt. Angel, Ore., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Nov. 23, 1998, at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel, Ore.

Mr. Koch was born Nov. 6, 1903, in Cattawis, Mo. He had been employed by the Melvin Price Support Center as a welder and was a member of the Shriners, Masons and Low Twelve Club.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (Koller) Koch; one daughter, Adele LaRock of Wilsonville, Ore.; and a sister-in-law, Adele Thomas of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Sophia (Maltzon) Koch; two brothers, Walter and Tony Koch; and one sister, Catherine Bukola.

Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Thomas Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Raymond Lano

RAYMOND H. LANO, 71, of Pontoon Beach, died at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Lano was born Feb. 20, 1927. He was retired from Local 73 and was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Donna "Kashook-Kaubeski" Lano; his mother, Paula Lano; one stepdaughter, Linda Pileggi; four children, Judy, Bob and Tom Lano and Sister Gloria Cella "Lano"; and many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Dan Lano and Michael Lano, and his parents, Henry and Ethel Lano of Chicago.

A memorial service will be held a later date.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

Earl Marti

EARL J. MARTI, 83, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at St. Anthony's Medical Center in Alton.

Mr. Marti was born Feb. 12, 1915, in Platteau, Ill.

He was retired from the Granite City Steel Department and was a member of American Legion Post 113, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Irma (Belmi) Marti; one daughter, Carol Kelle of Edwardsville; two sons, Russell Marti of Glen Carbon and Kenneth Marti of Granite City; three brothers, Robert Marti of Highland, Roy Marti of Highland and Joseph Marti of Valencia, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Ida (Herschi) Marti; one sister, Pearl Ammann; and one brother, Richard Marti.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 13, at Iwain Chapel, 3063 Maryville Road, Granite City. A prayer service will be at 8:30 p.m. tonight, Sunday, Dec. 13.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the

Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the masses.

Sandra Pashea

SANDRA M. PASHEA, 36, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at her residence.

Ms. Pashea was born July 7, 1962, in Granite City. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her son, Andrew Blake of Granite City; her mother, Sylvia Pashea of Granite City; her father, Carroll Pashea of Granite City; one brother, Mel Pashea of St. Louis; and two sisters, Suzie Pashea and Cheryl Revelle, both of Granite City.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. William Fisher officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Andrew Blake Pashea Fund.

Davis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Leola Richardson

LEOLA M. RICHARDSON, 94, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at Eden Village Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Richardson was born Dec. 4, 1904, in Florence. She was a member of VFW Post 1306 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include her sons, Leon and Richardson of Troy; five grandchildren, Judy Griffith, Raymond Richardson, Diane Harris, Sandy Richardson and Karen Richardson; 11 great-grandchildren; and four

great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Courtney Richardson; her parents, Elijah and Mollie (Fowler) Smith; one son, Raymond Richardson; two brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Renault Williams

RENAULT "TINY" WILLIAMS, 67, of Granite City, formerly of Caseyville, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Williams was born Sept. 29, 1931, in Granite City. He was head groundskeeper at Belleville Area College and formerly worked for Union Star.

Survivors include his wife, Carol (Kramer) Williams; one daughter, Kathy Barton-Nalick of Alton; and two sisters, Merietta Williams of Caseyville, and Carol Sue Perez of Freeburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Nida (Fowler) Williams.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 12, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Wayne Stockley officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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Court denies larger Mitchell incorporation

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the incorporation would not be contrary to the county's master development plan. On Aug. 13, 1997, the board voted down the original incorporation proposal on the basis that the tax base was not sufficient to support municipal services and that the incorporation of Mitchell is not consistent with the county's master plan. The matter then went before the circuit court Aug. 18, as required by state statute. Bono denied the incorporation petition on the basis of the county's disapproval. Incorporation backers filed an appeal, claiming the county had no right to make a decision after the petition to

incorporate was already filed. Attorney James Sinclair argued that the county enacted the rules for incorporation after the fact.

"They changed the rules halfway through the game," he said. But Dean Sweet, an attorney representing the county and other governments opposed to incorporation, argued the county was acting according to policies that have been in place for 20 years.

Sweet said in an interview Wednesday that he was confident of winning the appeal because the county followed the law to the letter.

"It was one of the easiest cases I've ever had," he said. He said incorporation backers knew before they filed suit that the county did have the authority to approve or

disapprove incorporation. "The local court (Bono) had no choice but to rule as it did," Sweet said.

Sinclair said he expects to get the 7.28-square-mile incorporation proposal on the ballot for April. The County Board has already approved the smaller incorporation map. "That's the reason the county compromised," said County Board chairman Rudy Papa. "We felt we had a strong case," on the 22-mile proposal.

Bono is scheduled to hold a hearing on the 7.28-mile incorporation proposal Thursday.

"We're going to push ahead and hopefully, these folks are going to get to vote on incorporation next spring," Sinclair said.

County tax cap referendum set for April

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unless the increase is approved in a referendum. Granite City and Alton,

which are home-rule cities, would be exempt. The Alton School District would be exempt because part of it is in Jersey County.

Stobbs said if Jersey County were to vote on a tax

cap, however, then the Alton School District would no longer be exempt. He said the recent raises given to county employees would not have been possible if a cap had been in place.

DCFS launches investigations

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Officers at the scene reported that both children had severe burns on their arms. Police also reported that the children's father was extremely uncooperative. Lt. Steve Shelby said the case had been turned over to

DCFS for investigation. DCFS is also investigating a reported case of child abandonment in Venice Monday.

According to Venice police, at about 2:30 a.m., they received a call from the Granite City Police Department that a woman who had been arrested on outstanding warrants during a

traffic stop told them her 4-year-old daughter was home alone.

Police went to the woman's home at the Bissel Street Apartments and knocked on the door, but there was no answer.

Eventually, a Madison police officer arrived at the scene with the child's godmother, who has a key.

Williamson enters Academy

Midshipman Timothy Patrick Williamson of Indiana, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williamson of Granite City, recently participated in Acceptance Day ceremonies at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. The colorful annual event marks the official "acceptance" of the freshman, or plebe, class into the ranks of the Academy's Regiment of Midshipmen.

A graduate of Andean High School, Midshipman Williamson was nominated to attend the Academy by Rep. Peter J. Visclosky.

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This is definitely the time to enjoy the beauty that poinsettias have to offer. Healthy ones, that is. While poinsettias are relatively easy to care for, they can be temperamental when their care requirements aren't being met. They're not overly fussy, but a certain amount of TLC is required.

Wilting and leaf drop are two of the most common ailments to befall the poinsettia. There are several causes and remedies. So if your prized poinsettias look a bit joyless, we'll try to help them cheer up.

Following are conditions that can cause wilting.

Dry soil
The remedy is to water the plant thoroughly. Poinsettias should be watered when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. They should be checked daily for water.

Wet Soil
Make sure the plant isn't sitting in water. Remove any excess water and make sure the drainage holes aren't blocked. Follow the watering practices outlined above.

Drafts
Check the area for drafts of either hot or cold air. The temperature should remain around 60° to 70°F. Keep the plant away from heat sources such as heat vents.

Freezing
Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done to the plant that has been exposed to a too-cold environment. All you can do is take the proper precautions with your next poinsettia. Make sure the plant is wrapped and completely covered at the checkout and then taken directly home. If you must run an errand or two, you should take the poinsettia home first.

Causes of Leaf Drop

Insufficient lighting
Poinsettias should receive bright, indirect light.

Overwatering
See the above instructions for proper watering.

Droops
See previous explanation.

Pale Green Leaves
This usually signals a lack of nitrogen. Fertilize your poinsettia with a houseplant fertilizer according to label instructions.

Christmas Cacti

This is another favorite holiday plant that produces colorful, pendulous blooms during the winter. Flowers appear in white, red, pink, rose or lavender.

Care is relatively simple. These plants prefer medium light. While the plant is in bloom, allow one quarter of the soil to dry between waterings and apply a flowering plant food according to label directions.

Two or three weeks after flowering, these plants will go into a dormant period. At this time, stop applying fertilizer and only water enough to keep the soil from completely drying out. Eventually new growth will appear and the water and fertilizer schedule may be resumed.

To initiate flowering, Christmas cacti require long nights (14-16 hours of darkness) and low night temperatures that should not exceed 65°F. The plant should be kept under these conditions until flower buds form. Christmas cacti may drop their buds as a result of improper watering, low humidity, drafts or sudden changes in environment.

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Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council launches new Internet World Wide Web site

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Southwestern Illinois development opportunities," he said. "It's a major effort that will require coordination with other development organizations."

He said they were also looking for connections to other local web sites. "We can add more and more links to this thing," he said. "You can go into individual cities that have a web site, and they all have economic

development sections."

A major part of the web page is a listing of current projects and available land, which Pennekamp said they hope to be updating constantly. "We want to build it into the best economic development

web site in the country," he said. The next step will be to promote the web site.

"A web site is only as good as the ability to draw people to it," he said. The council intends to use

e-mail, direct mail and possibly some limited and "very targeted" advertising in trade publications.

Pennekamp said the web site has already attracted some attention. He said a Chicago-area real

estate broker was seeking information about development sites in the St. Louis region and had called people in Missouri, and was directed to Illinois.

"When anybody is interested in acreage, it's something that we have a lot of," Pennekamp said.

Pennekamp said the broker had lived in St. Louis and said he had stood at the foot of the Arch and looked into Illinois, thinking something should happen there.

"Now all of a sudden, I'm hearing Illinois, Illinois, Illinois," the man said. "The web is going to become more and more of a preferred tool when people are looking for new sites or markets for their products," he said.

Gas prices take plunge

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about? After all, how long can it last? Skyuta doesn't see these prices lasting for an extended time.

"Prices are so far below what is considered average that it's hard to see these prices going on forever," Skyuta said. "However, I can see them staying below average in the near future." "This is a big boom for consumers right now. It's a drop-dead fantastic deal," Skyuta said.

Diane Savoca of Edwardsville, who commutes to St. Louis each day, said she can't remember the last time gas prices were this low.

"The first time I pumped gas, I thought there was something wrong," Savoca said. "I expected the total to be in the double digits and it wasn't."

Savoca said the savings each week are enough to go to a movie and that perhaps there will be enough for an extra Christmas gift. She said she was planning a trip to Ohio and her family decided to drive.

"We usually fly, but with gas prices this low, we are going to drive," Savoca said. But Savoca, a cashier at the Woodside Amoco on Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights, said customers are loving the low prices. "They can't believe these prices," Sebrin said. "They keep asking when they are going up again."

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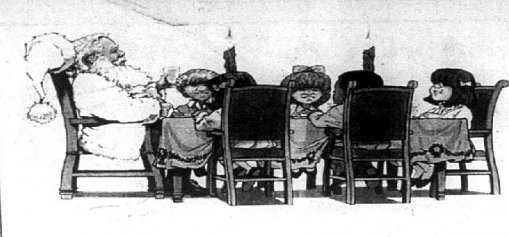
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Holiday Gift & Dining Guide

For the outdoors enthusiast, many gifts to choose from

These Christmas presents are right on target for those on your list who like fishing, hunting, hiking or just getting away from it all

Choosing gifts for outdoor guys and gals doesn't have to be a hassle for folks wise enough to pick from Santa's special list. This year's selections include a potpourri of some of the season's best buys, ranging from stocking stuffers to bigger selections that might require an anchor to stay in place.

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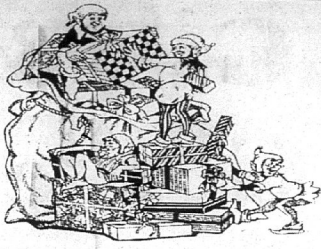
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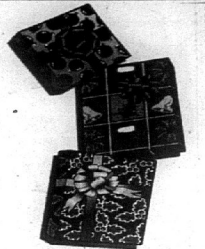
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Holiday Gift & Dining Guide



Don't deck your halls with bogus gifts

Beware of counterfeit merchandise, warns head of investigative firm

There is a significant increase in counterfeit merchandise flooding the marketplace that shoppers need to be aware of during the holiday shopping frenzy, according to research conducted by Michael G. Kessler & Associates, Ltd., an internationally renowned corporate investigative firm.

"Stores are offering name brand merchandise at incredible savings," declares Michael Kessler, president and chief executive officer of the firm.

Kessler indicated even street vendors are hawked designer watches, fragrances, handbags, clothing, toys, software and collectibles.

"We are not free from the madness when turning on our home computer," he said, "since we are met with a bombardment of e-mail sales circulars and cyber store fronts."

Kessler & Associates decided to see if price was the only thing consumers had to be concerned about when shopping this time of year. Responding to offers online, at flea markets and

even some at well-respected shopping clubs, they found there is more to consider than the cheapest price. What they ended up with in many cases was a lot less than they paid for.

"Counterfeit merchandise is found in epidemic proportions out there. Today's shopper must be very cautious before attempting to purchase name brand merchandise, especially when the prices seem below the norm," warned Kessler.

The firm followed up its investigation with a nationwide survey to see how well informed shoppers are and if they were taking the necessary precautions to protect themselves from purchasing bogus merchandise. The firm's findings were surprising. Few shoppers knew what they needed to do to safeguard their hard-earned money and ensure they were not being tricked by over zealous merchants.

Kessler's warnings to consumers during the biggest shopping season of the year are simple. Protect

yourself and loved ones from being victims of counterfeiters by taking some simple steps to assure that what you are buying is genuine.

Only purchase name brand merchandise from reputable stores.

Check to see if labels appear blurred or torn.

Carefully check to be sure product names are not misspelled or altered.

Avoid purchasing any product containing unannounced changes in product content, color, smell or packaging.

Be leery if prices are significantly below market value.

If possible, carefully inspect the item. Workmanship often reveals a fake.

Contact the manufacturer if you have questions regarding an item's authenticity. It is at this time of year when the counterfeiters make a killing. They produce items that look, smell, feel and

sometimes even perform like the real thing, but assemble them at sweat shops and underground manufacturing facilities with inferior components.

"What ends up happening is this fantastic bargain barely outlasts the holiday season," Kessler said.

"Shoppers are often deceived by counterfeit merchandise and end up paying a substantial price merely because it carries a name brand label."

"If all they are paying for is the label, finding out the label is bogus adds insult to injury."

Everyone loves a bargain, but counterfeit merchandise does not represent a bargain. There is quite often one item left out by these counterfeiters when they manufacture the bogus product, and this is perhaps the most important of all, QUALITY.

If you suspect that a store or individual is distributing counterfeit merchandise, please contact Michael G. Kessler & Associates, Ltd. at 888-TIP-OFFS.

Money popular gift, says holiday survey

One trendy gift this year is sure to please anyone on your list: money. About 42 percent of Americans will give money (cash, checks) as gifts this year.

And, most likely, they'll be giving it to their kids and grandchildren, since gifts of money tend to stay in the family: 29 percent to children, 27 percent to cousins or siblings, 17 percent to grandchildren and 14 percent to nieces and nephews.

Older people (age 65 and over) are much more likely to fork over cash (62 percent) than other age groups.

Two for you, one for me. Many retailers bank on consumers spending that little extra on something for themselves while they're buying for others.

Nearly 61 percent of holiday shoppers say they make unplanned purchases for themselves when out shopping for gifts. Respondents estimate they spend an average of \$113 on unplanned purchases for themselves during the holiday

season. Men tend to be more impulsive than women, spending an average of \$132 on unplanned personal purchases, compared to \$103 for women.

The fabric of Christmas. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and more often than includes what you're wearing.

According to a recent Maritz AmeriPoll(R), half of all Americans will wear some sort of holiday-themed clothing and/or accessories (sweatshirts, jewelry, socks, etc.) this Christmas season.

While most of them are women, 40 percent of men say they will also gaily don Yuletide apparel.

Participation tends to peak in the age 35-54 category at 56 percent. Most respondents, 85 percent, say they will wear their holiday trappings about the same amount as in previous years, though 10 percent say they do it more often now.

Popularity of Christmas-themed clothing and accessories has especially grown among 18-24-year-olds, 22 percent of whom say they plan to wear them more than they have in the past.

Sweet charity. If you look at the numbers, it seems most Americans believe giving is at least as good as receiving.

According to a recent Maritz AmeriPoll(R), 79 percent of Americans will give cash or gift donations to charities or the needy during the holiday season. That's up 8 percentage points from last year's findings.

Giving has especially increased among younger age groups, with 70 percent of 18-24-year-olds giving (up 17 percent).

The average cash (or equivalent) donation this season will be \$64. Men give slightly more than women, \$66 versus \$61.

Women's giving, however, has seen a marked increase over the previous year, up \$16 from an average of \$45 in 1997, compared to an increase of \$3 for men.

Holiday charitable giving amounts also increase with age, peaking in the 45-54 age group and then tapering off slightly. As expected, amounts also increase with income.

74 percent with incomes up to \$25,000 donate, with an average gift of \$35.

77 percent with incomes from \$25,000 to \$45,000 give, with an average gift of \$52.

90 percent with incomes in the \$45,000 to \$65,000 range give, averaging \$69 gifts.

86 percent making more than \$65,000 donate, with an average gift of \$101.

O come, all ye faithful. Since Christmas is a religious celebration, AmeriPoll asked respondents if they plan to attend religious services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. A majority of Americans, 70 percent, say they will, and more women than men will be joining the pews (74 percent versus 65 percent).

Likelihood of attendance at Christmas services also increases with age, from 64 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds to 73 percent of people age 65 and older.

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Many riders wouldn't know what to do without MCT

But others have several complaints against the county transportation system

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a three-part series about the Madison County Transit District's bus services.)

Many bus riders say they would like to see increased weekend routes, but people who don't use the service often complain that there are already too many unnecessary buses.

Jerry Kane is the executive director of the Madison County Transit District, which oversees all mass transit within the county. He said the district has no service on Saturdays and Sundays, but we would have to increase fares or receive more operating assistance from the state.

Kane said mechanics, drivers and staff would have to be added as well, which leads to another frequent complaint about the district in that it has a history of patronage hires within the ranks of its 152 drivers and 213 mechanics and staff.

"Republicans think the bus system is an incubator for Democratic jobs," said Madison County Republican Chairman Jim Mahalich, who voiced his disapproval of several aspects about the transit district in his recent campaign for County Board.

Kane responded, "I would challenge him to prove what he says. He insults every employee of the Agency for Community Transit without any basis of fact whatsoever."

"I have no idea what the party affiliation is of any of our employees, except my own. We hire the best candidates, and he can ask any of them if they were asked about their affiliation," said Kane, adding that the Federal Transit Administration has equal opportunity and affirmative action policies.

Other people are concerned about the district spending \$7 million on three new buildings used for fueling, washing and maintenance at its headquarters on East Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell.

But Bob Warfield, director of vehicle maintenance, said the buildings are essential for ensuring the satisfaction of riders. Prior to construction, the district was constantly bidding out repair jobs, but now mechanics perform in-house repairs.

"In the nighttime, we have post-trip inspections. Every bus that's in service during the day is thoroughly cleaned, fueled and the mileage is entered into a write-up," he said.

Forty-one big, 40-foot buses were acquired in 1997 at a cost of \$250,000 each. The Federal Transit Administration paid for 80 percent of the cost, with various grants covering most of the remaining expense. "I think they've gone way overboard," said Bob Kinder, a businessman in downtown Alton. "Don't get me wrong, I think public transportation is a great thing, but we don't need a \$250,000 bus to support one person."

Mihalich added, "I've never gotten a straight answer from the district about the 20 or 30 ACT buses that are always parked there and not used. Why do they have them?"

Kane said, "That's simply not true. We meet the recommended spare ratio, which is no more than 20 percent of our total buses, set by the FTA. We have 30 door-to-door (ACT) buses, and some days, there are 25 or 26 on the road. The fixed-route buses (MCT) also conform."

"That individual was looking for issues to campaign on," added Kane, who said there was only one time, while the district was disposing of its old fleet, that there were more buses than usual on the lot.

Byron Sherfy, a retired Amoco worker from Cottage Hills, said the district should never have purchased the "monster buses."

"They need to do away with the bigger buses and maybe put the small ones on more routes that aren't currently covered. It seems like the whole thing is sort of haphazard. They bought a bunch of buses without sending information to the public first," Sherfy said.

But Todd Plesko, director of operations, said the system is more efficient than ever. He said the large buses seat 41 people, are more handicapped-accessible and have much longer lifespans than the small ones.

As for complaints about the lack of routes, Plesko added, "We've designed a system like the airlines."

Edgar warns of drinking, driving

Gov. Jim Edgar has proclaimed December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in Illinois to raise awareness about driving under the influence of controlled substances.

"The holiday season traditionally sees more alcohol and drug related accidents than any other time of the year," Edgar said. "It's important to remember during this holiday season that you drive responsibly and celebrate safely."

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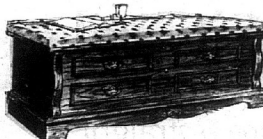
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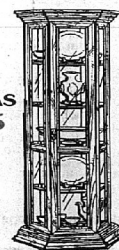
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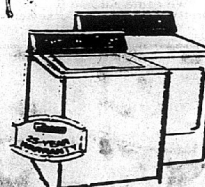
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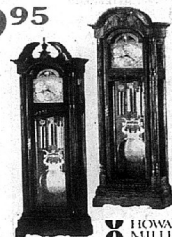
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Johannsen's passing leaves void

He was the kind of person who, if called on to adjust his officiating schedule on short notice, would do so despite the inconvenience.

That's what the late Eric Johannsen did in October when O'Fallon High School had to change its volleyball schedule to accommodate homecoming plans and allow



Art Voellinger
Sports
Views

Nov. 29 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, also was a highly recognized softball umpire on the high school and collegiate levels.

"There are a lot of girls who owe him for his teaching and patience," said Ron Steen, a teammate of Johannsen's in the Belleville City Softball men's fastpitch league in the mid-1980s.

"He loved sports and enjoyed umpiring because he got to be close to the games with the athletes," said Steen.

"He coached an ASA girls team (the Raiders) to a second-place finish in the state and both of his girls (Kim and Amy Johannsen) were outstanding collegiate players," added Steen.

Leaders at Belleville West, pitcher Amy and outfielder Kim played at Southeast Missouri State and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, respectively. Other girls also were developed by Eric at his indoor clinics in O'Fallon.

"I don't think there was a player in the area who didn't know Eric," said O'Fallon High assistant softball coach Matt Young.

A volleyball official for postseason tournament action in early November, Johannsen was called "reliable and very dependable" by O'Fallon High athletic director Steve Oliver.

"We had him booked for softball games this coming spring," said OTIS assistant AD Todd Mosler. "He was very good."

Also an umpire at South Side Park in Belleville, Johannsen was credited for several reasons by Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame candidate Noel Scott of Belleville.

"He showed a lot of determination in overcoming his voice problems and had a good knowledge of the rules," said Scott. "But what I liked most about him was how in the face of an argument during a game, he always stayed calm."

A system analyst for General American Life

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Bobby Meszaros scored six goals against Roxana in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association play Wednesday. Granite City won the game 10-0.

Meszaros' spree leaves Roxana shell-shocked

Warriors captain scores 6 goals in one period during 10-0 Mississippi Valley win vs. Shells

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Bobby Meszaros was shutout in the second and third periods Wednesday night against Roxana.

But that was small consolation for the Shells, who allowed Meszaros to score six goals in the first period as the Illinois Warriors atomized Roxana 10-0 in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

"I think that we all decided that we needed to pick it up," Meszaros said. "We've had a little losing streak and we just needed to start playing like we did last year."

"Everybody was moving tonight. We came out first shift, got a couple of goals and didn't let up."

The Warriors ended a four-game winless skid after they started the defense of their MVCHA championship with a 2-0 mark.

On Wednesday, Meszaros scored a natural hat trick in the first 3 minutes 50 seconds and scored again before Dustin Wesley interrupted his outburst with a goal of his own. Meszaros scored two more goals at the end of the period before leaving the game with a bruised shoulder.

"I've never had a six-goal game," said Meszaros, who led the MVCHA Southern Conference in goals last year. "That was kind of neat."

Brett Sollberger, Mark Salzman and 5-foot-2, 100-pounder Raymond Smith scored the Warriors' other goals.

"I'm extremely happy with the way they played," Warriors coach Paul Sollberger said. "They came out flying from the first whistle. They were pumped up, they got back at home, they came out flying and applied steady pressure. We were solid all the way around."

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Granite City rallies past Hazelwood East

Scott scores three goals as Warriors score 6 straight in 7-3 Mid-States victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The captain led the way Thursday night for the Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

Warriors captain Bob Scott scored three of his team's six unanswered goals as Granite City thumped Hazelwood (Mo.) East 7-3.

"I think we did real well tonight," Scott said. "We were playing hockey together, everything was going together. Our passing was working and now that we got a new player, Greg Pritchard, it helped us out a lot."

The new forward line of Scott, Pritchard and Ty Suhre was on the ice for all seven of the Warriors' goals. Pritchard joined the Mid-States team last week after being one of the leading players for the Illinois Warriors Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association team.

"It was a much better effort tonight," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "They took a good butt-chewing before the game and it got them fired up. We needed an effort and tonight we got one. They went out and they played hard, and when they do that good things can happen."

Bad things were happening early in the game. The Spartans scored twice in the first 10 minutes before Pritchard raced end-to-end and blasted a shot past the goalie.

"We came out and played pretty well early," Yurkovich

said, "but we made a couple of mistakes, and when you make mistakes in this league against teams like this, you are going to get the pucks put in the back of your net. The first time, Larry (Brantley) left the guy unattended in front and the guy got behind him and by the time Larry turned around, it was too late."

"The second goal was a four-on-four situation and (goalkeeper) Brian (Reese) went down to try and make a big save and he left the five hole open. So we made two mistakes and we had two goals against us."

"But I felt like we weren't going to give up. The kids were really wanting to win this one after the game we had against Hazelwood (Mo.) West (3-1 loss), another Hazelwood team, and they felt like they got cheated. They were ready, to play tonight and it showed."

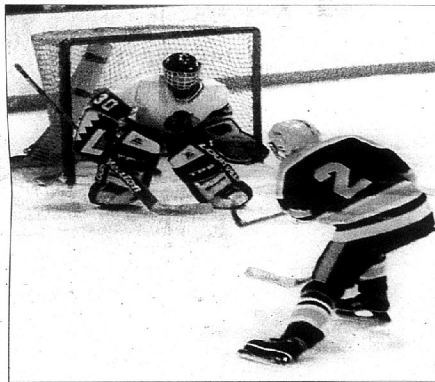
The Spartans scored once more on a power-play goal from close in before Granite City responded with six straight goals.

Jon Goodyear started the run with a long blast from the top of the circle.

Then, Suhre sent a pass from behind the net to Scott, who converted a one-timer to tie the game 3-3 with 5:27 left in the second.

Suhre fed Scott again with 51 seconds to go in the period while the Warriors were on a two-man advantage.

Granite City scored its fifth goal on a delayed penalty against the Spartans. Scott and Lenny Wilson played keep-away with the puck and the Warriors pulled goalie



Granite City sophomore goaltender Brian Reese prepares to block a shot during a recent game.

Brian Reese, the sixth attacker, Joe Berg, found Suhre, who blasted the puck in the net.

Scott completed his hat trick with 7:12 to go. It was his eighth goal of the season. Suhre added his second goal of the game five minutes later when he blocked an attempted clear and ripped a shot home.

Thursday's game was the first with Mid-States for Pritchard.

"Just the addition of Greg has brought a lot to the team," Yurkovich said. "The rest of the kids accepted him very well, and that was a big thing tonight. We were without Scott Sarich — we missed him and Ryan Burns is still out. He had a game suspension. So we

put those three (Pritchard, Scott and Suhre) together and they did a great job."

"The one thing I was really happy about tonight was the way we handled ourselves on the power play. We came back and got a couple of power play goals and finally worked the puck around like we talked about. We spent 20 or 25 minutes in practice yesterday working on five-on-threes and five-on-fours and I had those three together and tonight it finally showed, they finally stuck it together."

At the other end of the ice, the Warriors got another strong performance from

New line adds spark to attack

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Call them the Junior Legion of Doom. When things get scrappy, call them the New Zoo Revue.

Call it what you will, but the line of Bob Scott, Ty Suhre and Greg Pritchard has revitalized the Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

"We work together real well," said Scott, the team captain. "I like the way we play together."

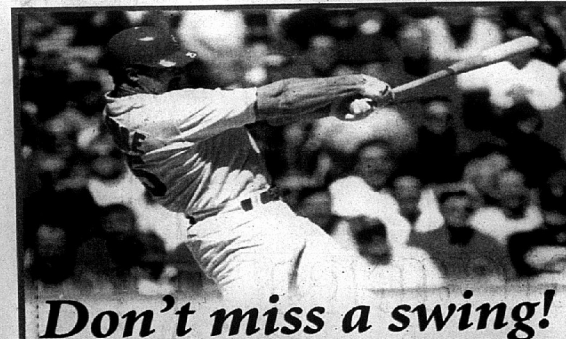
In their first game together Thursday night, the line was on the ice for all seven goals in a 7-3 thrashing of Hazelwood (Mo.) East. Scott scored three goals, Suhre had two and Pritchard had one.

"The addition of Greg Pritchard was a big help," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "My assistant coach and I discussed it and we said let's just put these three guys together and let them fire away all night. It turned out those three guys were on the ice for all seven goals. That's a big plus."

Pritchard came to the Granite City Mid-States team from the Illinois Warriors of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, for whom he was a key player during last season's inaugural campaign and MVCHA

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Collinsville's Joe Ditch, right, works against Cahokia's Mike Sharp. Ditch has 10 goals and seven assists in seven games this year.

Ditch rich on talent

Versatility helps Kahoks senior score points with teammates, against foes

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

Joe Ditch's statistical spree to start the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association season has been startling.

Through seven games, the Collinsville senior has 10 goals and seven assists for 2.43 points per game.

"Offensively, he's dynamite," Kahoks coach Dave Oberkell said. "He's smooth, he's fast and he's got a really hard wrist shot."

But versatility makes Ditch the main cog in the Kahoks machine.

"He plays all aspects of the game well," Oberkell said.

Ditch joins forces with forwards Adam Joachimsstahler and Nathan Mueller to give the Kahoks a powerful top line.

Ditch also centers the power play — which registers a 21.7-percent success rate — with Mueller and Kenny Reed.

Those three players have scored 20 of the Kahoks' 25 goals and account for 33 of the team's 49 points.

Ditch, Mueller and Reed also draw the bulk of penalty killing duties. That unit has allowed only four power play goals in 38 chances, killing off 89.4 percent of the penalties.

And along with plenty of finesse, Ditch can muck, grind and hit.

"He's a physical player and

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an offensive player," Oberkell said. "A Brendan Shanahan kind of player."

Ditch also ranks second on the team behind Mueller in plus-minus rating with a plus-10.

"If he's not involved in the offense, he's pretty darn good at getting back and helping the D," Oberkell said.

Ditch's team attitude becomes more evident when he talks about his expectations as a senior.

"Coming into the season, my goal was to win a championship," Ditch said.

"That's what I would like to do. I just wanted to have a great season and contribute to get us there."

Ditch, however, still sees room for improvement.

"I think I need to pass the

puck more and maybe not hog it so much," he said. "I'm not getting it to my teammates a whole lot, and I think I should be getting it to them."

Some of Ditch's best qualities have nothing to do with performance or numbers.

"He's a leader on this team," Oberkell said. "He brings experience and knowledge. I think all the guys look up to him."

Team captain Brandon Murphy agreed Ditch contributes in ways that are not always evident to the casual observer.

"He brings a lot of hard work, a lot of potential," Murphy said. "He helps out the team by working hard, passing, you name it, getting the team fired up before games. He helps the team a lot on the ice and off the ice."

Add wisdom to the list of Ditch's assets. He knows when to bang and when to lay off, having drawn only one penalty this year.

"I like to play physical," Ditch said. "But if it's a tight game, I don't want to hit and take a penalty for the team and sit in the box and let the other team score."

Ditch has been playing ice hockey for about five years. He played for three years with the Granite City Steelers, a club team, then with the Kahoks.

"He's still young, so he'll get even better," Oberkell said.

Boys basketball

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS
Overall record (0-1)
Coach: Mike Waldo

December	L 55-56
4 at Granite City	8 p.m.
11 Collinsville	8 p.m.
15 at Jerseyville	8 p.m.
18 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.
19 at Taylorville	8 p.m.
28-30 Charleston Tournament	TBA

January	8 p.m.
2 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
8 Belleville West	8 p.m.
16 Alton	8 p.m.
20-23 at Salem Tournament	TBA
29 at Collinsville	8 p.m.

February	8 p.m.
2 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
5 East St. Louis	8 p.m.
8 Cahokia	TBA
9 Highland	8 p.m.
12 Belleville East	8 p.m.
19 at Belleville West	8 p.m.
23 Triad	8 p.m.
28 at Alton	8 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS
Overall record (5-1)
Coach: John Van Buskirk

November

24-28 Alton Tournament	L 48-75
23 vs. Alton	L 59-71
27 vs. Cahokia	L 40-44
28 vs. Granite City	L 42-45
28 vs. Springfield	L 42-45

December

4 St. Louis Berkeley	L 52-61
8 at St. Louis Beaumont	8 p.m.

23-28 at Alton Tournament	W 60-51
23 vs. Springfield Lanphier	W 75-69
25 vs. Cahokia	L 68-78
27 vs. Alton	W 44-40
28 vs. Madison	W 44-40

December	W 56-55
4 Edwsville	W 50-48
5 at Triad	8 p.m.
12 Belleville West	8 p.m.
18 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
19 Jerseyville	8 p.m.
28-30 Collinsville Tournament	TBA

January	8 p.m.
5 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
8 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.
15 Collinsville	8 p.m.
19 McCluer North	8 p.m.
20-23 at Salem Tournament	8 p.m.
29 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.
30 at Alton	8 p.m.

MADISON TROJANS
Overall record (0-5)
Coach: Al Collins

November	8 p.m.
24-28 Alton Tournament	L 48-75
23 vs. Alton	L 59-71
27 vs. Cahokia	L 40-44
28 vs. Granite City	L 42-45
28 vs. Springfield	L 42-45

December

4 St. Louis Berkeley	L 52-61
8 at St. Louis Beaumont	8 p.m.

12 at Jerseyville	8 p.m.
15 Waterloo	8 p.m.
27-30 Collinsville Tournament	TBA

January	8 p.m.
5 at Flora	8 p.m.
8 at St. Louis Christian Academy	8 p.m.
9 at Centerville	8 p.m.
12 at St. Louis McCluer	8 p.m.
15 at Pittsfield	8 p.m.
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28 Lebanon	7:30 p.m.
30 at Sesser Valley	8 p.m.

VENICE RED DEVILS
Overall record (0-3)
Coach: Clinton Harris

December	8 p.m.
1 at Freeburg	L 51-75
5 at Cahokia	L 54-69
8 at Westlin	68-79
12 St. Louis Summer	7:30 p.m.
15 Dupo	7:30 p.m.
18 at Livingston	7:30 p.m.
20-30 Freeburg Tournament	7:30 p.m.

January	8 p.m.
5 at St. Louis Gateway Christian	7 p.m.
8 at Cahokia	L 54-69
12 Valleyview	7:30 p.m.
14 Metro-East Lutheran	7:30 p.m.
18-23 at Sparta Tournament	7:30 p.m.
29 Columbia	8:15 p.m.
30 at Sparta	8:15 p.m.

Johannsen's passing will leave void

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Insurance Co., Johannsen was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church. My sympathy to his wife Kathy and daughters Kim Cook (wife of Loren Cook) of Murphysboro and Amy Johannsen (fiancee of Chris Koudelka) of Belleville.

Overtime

Bridget Beckmann has

given the Saint Louis University women's basketball team some more southwestern Illinois influence, joining senior Jamie Cavness from Granite City.

A sophomore from Breese Mater Dei, Beckmann netted 8 of 10 field goals and had 11 rebounds in a 20-point effort and 78-52 victory against SIU-Carbondale.

"She was a pesence inside," SLU Coach Jill

Pizotti said of Beckmann.

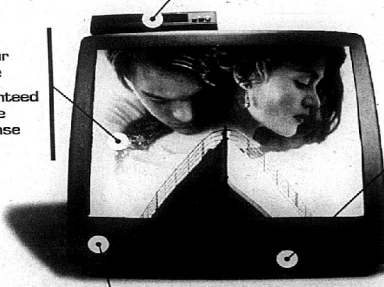
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Reese between the pipes. "Brian has been playing well, he just had that one blunder," Yurkovich said. "He played exceptional in the junior varsity game the other night and he's finally starting to come around. There's no doubt about it in my mind that Matt Wojciechowski is just as talented as Brian is when they are on their game, and the next game I will probably come back and let Matt get his chance. But I need these two goalies to come up and start playing like Brian is playing right now. This is what we really need."

Granite City also received a strong performance from sophomore Danny Ferguson, who the Spartans harassed all night. "Danny did have a real good game, no doubt about it," Yurkovich said. "The one thing I talked about with Danny is that I know this team would be chippy, and as soon as they got down or we started coming back, I told him that

"We just need our defense to come along and everybody needs to start making some good things happen."

Dave Yurkovich
Warriors coach

they were going to start taking some shots at him. "Danny is pretty good about holding his composure. He does play gritty, he's not flashy or anything. He just works hard all the time and he makes things happen. He does things right away from the play, and that's the thing, away from the puck, you have to be consistent and Danny kind of guides himself and takes care of what to do away from the puck, and that's important. He also tries to help his teammates out when he's out there, telling them where to go and what to do. He's a leader, he's a center, a quarterback. He has to dictate



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Ty Suhre (8) has joined forces with Greg Pritchard and Bob Scott on the Warriors' top line.

what needs to happen. "I thought Joe Berg played well. I got him some ice time when we pulled the goalie on the delayed penalty, stuck him out there and we ended up scoring. He got the first shot and we came back with the rebound on it. Joe stepped up and played a big game tonight. Kyle Hensley played well tonight. "Our defense is still there, we still need to be a little more solid, we're still making a few mistakes early. Lenny Wilson came back and played well in the second and third

periods. We just need our defense to come along and everybody needs to start making some good things happen." The victory left the Warriors with a 2-1 record. They faced Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North on Saturday night. "We figured it was going to take 10 or 12 games for this team to come together," Yurkovich said. "We aren't really concerned about it. It's just a matter of putting forth this kind of effort every night."

New line leads Granite City to win

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championship run. Before Thursday, he hadn't played in more than a week, but once he got his legs under him, Pritchard was on the move.

"He's not super fast, but once he gets going he has an extra step," Yurkovich said. "He's kind of hesitant right now. He has to get adjusted to this team and learn what these players do and how they handle the puck and what our defensemen are like."

"Ty Suhre just started playing with Greg on the Granite City Steelers, the Midget Double-A team, so they are getting accustomed to playing on the same line. Johnny Pritchard, Greg's dad, has them working together on that team, so I figured let's put them together again and add Bobby Scott to the punch and let these guys go out and work the hell out of them. They are three workhorses. Those three can accomplish a lot. They can log a lot of ice time."

Maybe the best play the line had all night was one on which they didn't score. Pritchard cycled around the perimeter of the Spartans zone and fed Suhre behind the net. Suhre's one-time pass hit Scott's blade and the Spartans goalie had to make a sprawling, spectacular save to keep Scott's fourth goal from going in.

The Warriors have been skating without Jon Burns for weeks. When he returns, Granite City will get to work on improving its 2-1 record.

We're hoping to get Jon Burns back the first or second week of January," Yurkovich said. "It will give us two solid lines at forward for sure, with the addition of Greg. We'll have Bob Scott, Jon, Ty and Greg on two different lines and that will add to our solidity. In addition to that, Bobby Scott is a defenseman, so we can move him back to the point on the power play and put Johnny, Ty and Greg together up front. "It's going to give us a lot of different options. We're going to be very happy to have Jon back, believe me. We miss him a lot."

Undeclared Warriors win eighth straight

The Granite City wrestling team improved to 8-0 on Thursday with a 51-9 trouncing of Bethalto Civic Memorial.

Granite City dropped only three matches all night.

PREP WRESTLING — all by relatively close decisions.

Meanwhile, the Warriors posted five pins and won one match by forfeit.

That forfeit came in the opening match, where Warriors 180-pounder Steve Peach was credited with the

win. The Warriors rattled off two more wins as

119-pounder Jake Trian defeated Jamie Huebler 7-0 and 119-pounder Tom Tedesco defeated Nick

Huebler 5-0.

Civic Memorial's Shaun Dannenbrink slowed the rout with a 4-3 decision against

Paul Johnson at 125 pounds. The teams traded matches as

Granite City's Ben Lofink won by fall at 130, Civic Memorial's Leo Nagens won by decision at 135 against

Dennis Davis, Granite City's Ryan Worthen won by fall at

140 and Civic Memorial's Cohl Lane won by decision against Jim Treake at 145. Granite City closed the night with six victories as Brooks Narvaez (152), Justin Hale (160), George Kirgan (171), Bob Grammer (189), Kevin Venne (215) and Craig Mooshagian (275) all posted victories.

Narvaez, Kirgan and Venne — all two-time state qualifiers for the Warriors — each won by fall.

Granite City 51, Civic Memorial 9 (Dec. 10)

103 pounds — Steve Peach (GC) won by forfeit.

112 — Jake Trian (GC) def.

Jamie Huebler (CM), 7-0.
119 — Tom Tedesco (GC) def. Nick Huebler (CM), 5-0.
125 — Shaun Dannenbrink (CM) def. Paul Johnson (GC), 4-3.
130 — Ben Lofink (GC) def. Chris Lerner (CM), by fall, 1-25.
135 — Leo Nagens (CM) def. Dennis Davis (GC), 6-3.
140 — Ryan Worthen (GC) def. Jason Linker (CM), by fall, 1-03.
145 — Cohl Lane (CM) def. Jim Treake (GC), 6-2.
152 — Brooks Narvaez (GC) def. Josh Brouaw (CM), by fall, 1-35.
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171 — George Kirgan (GC) def. Kyle Orakakis (CM), by fall, 2-52.
189 — Bob Grammer (GC) def. Nick Bland (CM), 9-5.
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By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Former Collinsville High standout Doug Davinroy joined some elite company at Fontbonne College. The senior became only the fifth player at Fontbonne College to score 1,000 points in his career. Davinroy reached the milestone in the Griffins' opening game of the 1998-99 season.

Davinroy entered the game needing 12 points to reach the milestone. He dropped the milestone shot with 16 minutes remaining. Griffins coach Lee

McKinney stopped the game and Davinroy was presented the game ball.

Davinroy finished his big night with 24 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. "That is a big accomplishment at the (NCAA) Division III level because we're not allowed to play 24 games," McKinney said. "Doug really scored 1,000 points in three years because he only needed one game this year against Manchester. He'll probably end up with 1,200 to 1,300 points."

Davinroy joined Dino McKinney, Mark Kronk, Jeff Branson and Rod Tucker as members of Fontbonne College's 1,000-point club. Since Davinroy's milestone teammate Aaron Frison also reached the 1,000-point plateau.

"He has just been a special player for me," McKinney said. "It will be sad when Doug leaves. He graduates in May. It will be tough but life goes on. I wish I could find another one to take his place."

"He makes coaching easy. If all the kids were like Doug, coaching would be easy. Fontbonne College is lucky to have someone like Doug."

The Griffins played Saturday at home against Webster University. The team next travels to Puerto Rico for two games.

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Sports

Granite City plays sloppy but still posts victory

Aaron scores 18 points to lead Warriors past Riverview Gardens

By Rick Bromo
Staff writer

You know things are going well when you come out, play generally bad and still post an 18-point victory.

That's what the Granite City Warriors girls basketball team did Thursday night with a sloppy 59-41 win over Riverview Gardens, Mo.

Granite City was coming off Tuesday's 44-42 upset victory against Southwestern.

Conference nemesis Belleville West.

"We came out and we weren't real intense from the start," Warriors coach John Moad said. "It was a little letdown from that Belleville

West game, but I was almost expecting it.

"We never got into a rhythm. We would score six points and then go a couple of minutes without getting a good look at the basket. It got really sloppy. There was never a flow to the game. We struggled getting it going offensively."

"We played well enough to win and that's good. We didn't play well as a team, but we still get a win when we didn't play very well, and that's important."

Debra Aaron was a dash of grace in the clumsiness, scoring 18 points and pulling down six rebounds. Aaron also was a quick, active member of the press that caused

Riverview Gardens to panic.

"We got Debra the ball inside and they couldn't stop her," Moad said. "But we wouldn't look inside. We talked tonight about how in the first half we didn't look inside at all in the game because of that. Once we started pushing the ball up-court and getting the ball inside, getting some good looks at the basket, we started to slowly pull away."

Jessica Wallace added 13 points and nine rebounds. Janelle Hanks had five points and nine rebounds. Della Moore and Jan Shanfelt each scored six points and guard Erika Todd contributed three points, four rebounds and nine

assists. Sara Luchmann had three points and two rebounds. Junior varsity stars Katie Ronk, Tonya Biggs and Ashley Bogovich also saw some time on the varsity.

"Debra had a good game and played hard," Moad said. "Ashley played well when she got in. Della Moore gave us some quality minutes. Janelle Hanks and Sara Luchmann had some good play inside. Jess is very consistent. We know we can expect that from her every night."

One thing Moad desperately wants to improve is the team's free-throw percentage, which has been subpar all year. The Warriors shot 13-for-31 from the line Thursday.

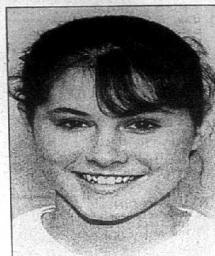
"We have to make our free throws," Moad said. "If we don't start shooting better from the line, we are going to be in trouble."

But a win is a win and the Warriors will take it.

"Riverview played a sloppy style of game and we kind of played with them," Moad said. "We are happy to get out of this with a win."

Granite City traveled to Alton on Friday attempting to reach the 500 mark in the conference.

"I don't think we will be tired," Moad said. "We don't like Alton and they don't like us. I think we are going to come out ready to play."



Granite City's Debra Aaron scored 18 points and grabbed six rebounds on Thursday.

Warriors blast Roxana as Meszaros scores 6 goals

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"Bobby Meszaros had a double hat trick. He was flying all over. He's the leader of the team, the captain of the team, and he wanted to lead a message. He got the team pumped up. Bobby and I had a little talk and I told him that it was his responsibility to get the team going, and he did. Coming out with six goals was unbelievable."

"We took him out early tonight. He got a little ding on his shoulder and we have a big game coming right back (against Belleville West), and as everybody knows, we are kind of banged up already."

"We wanted to protect him. We could see that Roxana was really coming after him, and the idea was to get him off (the ice) and protect him. There's no sense of even letting him sit on the bench. We wanted to get his shoulder looked at and let him get some rest."

The scoring explosion was just what the Warriors needed after a lethargic, soporific four-game stretch.

"It's something to build off of," Solberger said. "We told the kids we thought they were pressing a little bit too much."

"Bobby (Meszaros) and I had a little talk and I told him that it was his responsibility to get the team going, and he did."

Paul Solberger
Illinois Warriors coach

We told them to relax and go out and play the game like they know how, to work hard and they would reap the rewards, just like they did last year.

"They came out from the get-go tonight and they were flying. They are sitting in the locker room and they are a happy bunch of kids. We needed that."

The 3-1 ride they were on was one of the worst in the team's short 2-year history.

"The last couple of games have been tough," Solberger said. "We played as well last week against Bethalto as we did this week against Roxana, but we had some defensive breakdowns that cost us. Tonight, we were just real rock-solid in the back end and we didn't make the mistakes."

They just played good, fundamentally-strong hockey and used their feet and their heads."

"That second period got kind of shaky up and down with a lot of the penalties being called, but I thought the kids stood in there. Roxana started banging us a little bit and our kids started retaliating, but we got control of them, the ref got control of the game and we just put an end to it."

The Warriors have been short-handed for the past few weeks due to injury, and they lost forward Greg Pritchard, who switched to the Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association. More than ever, Solberger is relying on freshmen and sophomores to grow into roles of prominence this year.

"I definitely think the young kids picked it up," Solberger said. "Matt Salzman played real well. The Knowlton, little Raymond Smith. Everybody had a solid game."

"But that's just like our game with Bethalto. I watched Roxana play Edwardsville and Roxana only got beat 3-2, so even though Roxana hasn't won a game this year, they

have been right there. "They are better than their record indicates. They took Edwardsville to the wire last week and I know they played Alton and Marquette tough."

They are right there. This was a good win."

The Warriors will try to add to the win streak Wednesday when they face Belleville West, 8:15 p.m. at Wilson Park.

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Horoscopes

SUNDAY, DEC. 13
Practice looking at events as neutral, since it is almost impossible to tell what will positively or negatively affect your goals. Much could happen in personal relationships to complicate the holiday season, but all is forgiven or forgotten by Friday. When in doubt, include others instead of excluding them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 13). Small blessings multiply in the next three weeks, bringing you a multitude of options. It's an abundant year because you are focused on being grateful and giving back. Independent people are ultra-attractive to you. You may find yourself in business with a free-thinking Aquarius! Love connections in February bring out more passionate feelings than you've experienced in years.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Give another chance to someone who is trying to win you over. A brother or sister may become engaged. Allergy problems will clear up with alternative methods. Make the most of your potential in a

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone dear just doesn't get it. Remember what is and is not your problem. Inspiration and energy suffice your activities. You'll receive the vote of confidence you needed to move ahead toward a personal goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Make physical fitness more of a priority. You could change your mind about a new romance because of information gathered this afternoon. It helps more than just you to enjoy a family dinner at home tonight.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An opportunity to develop your abilities presents itself. A potential coworker tries to contact you — tell your friends if you're interested. You'll confront personal issues constantly if you keep in close contact with parents this week.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It doesn't hurt to tell friends "no" once in a while.

Resentments that build over weeks and months, on the other hand, eventually cause much pain. There is no excuse for boredom tonight — read a new author or play chess!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Decision-making doesn't have to be as difficult as you make it. Simply resolve to be devoted and overcome the reservations of the person you love. A lovesick sibling or friend turns to you for emotional support.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Attention given to one you love will be rewarded with enduring devotion. You'll soon get a chance to prove that your negotiating skills are no less formidable than those of the leader you admire very much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you don't feel like talking, go with your instincts. Amazing clarity is born of your silence. There are chances to diversify your interests this afternoon. You have more talent than you are presently utilizing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may feel (incorrectly) that it is extremely important to be right. Compassion is much more vital to your happiness than having power. An understanding, modest, idealistic person is in love with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life is turning around, and you are in the driver's seat. Continue personal artistic endeavors, but don't be too important to progress in other areas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It isn't up to you to straighten out the mess a friend has gotten into. New sources of inspiration are tapped when you release the need to control everything.

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BAC Speech Communication/Theatre faculty member Mac Chamblin will direct the evening's activities. Music will be provided by BAC student musicians. Music faculty sponsors are Darice Palmier and Gail Fleming.

Poets participating in "Cup of Joe" include Sue Caudle and Nicola Jacobs, both of Belleville; Matthew Molnar of Chester; Joe Haislip of Dupu; Daniel Irwin of Marissa; Donna Paulsen of O'Fallon; Jason Braun of Red Bud; Tonia Page of Scott Air Force Base; and Deb Cox of Waterloo.

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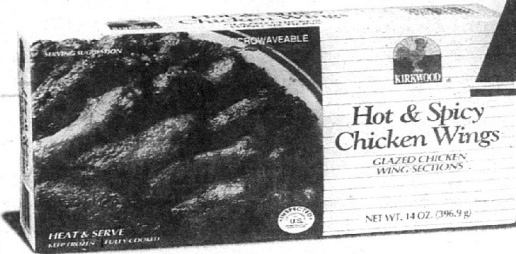
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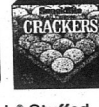
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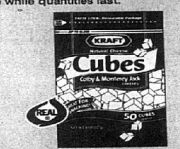
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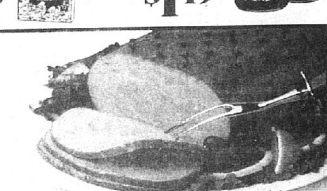
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Audi A4 Avant delightful with 1.8 Turbo

By Tom Strongman

Engine: 1.8-liter, four-cylinder
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price that includes Audi's all-wheel-drive system, anti-lock brakes, power windows, automatic climate control, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, AM/FM stereo cassette and remote keyless entry. The 1.8-liter Turbo is a four-cylinder, dual-overhead-cam unit with five valves per cylinder and 160 horsepower. Don't be fooled by the stated output of 150 horsepower. The small turbo gives a sharp kick to off-the-line



performance, because it spools up so quickly. The five-valve cylinder head improves high-speed zip, because it lets the engine breathe freely. The two are perfect partners. Its across-the-range power comes from having a flat torque curve. Torque is your best friend most of the time, because it is the force that actually moves the vehicle, spins the tires and pushes the seat into your back. Audi says this gem cranks out at least 155 pound-feet of torque from as little as 1,750 rpm all the way to 4,000 rpm. On top of that, it is fairly easy on fuel, rated at 21 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway. On the road, this engine feels bigger than it is, particularly with the five-speed manual gearbox. Choose the optional Sport Package (\$750) of 16-inch alloy wheels, performance tires and a stiffer suspension, and you have a combination that provides as much driving entertainment as you like. The quattro system gives the Avant all-weather invincibility as well as excellent dry-road handling. A central TORSEN (torque sensing) differential distributes drive force from front to rear as traction requires. This year, electronic locking on the front and rear differentials "redistributes" drive torque from side-to-side to take advantage of available traction," quotes Audi's press materials. For all practical purposes, the Avant has the traction of a sport-utility vehicle and the handling of a family sedan, yet it doesn't sit tall, feel top-heavy or sway in the wind. As usual, the A4's excellent brakes erase speed effectively and confidently. In line with the lower price, there have been minor changes to the interior. Wood

trim has been replaced by tasteful, matte-finish plastic, and perforated leatherette upholstery takes the place of leather. The look, however, is very little different. Audi has three different "atmospheres," or interior color schemes from which to select. Ambition evokes the look of a classic touring sedan. Amante looks Mediterranean with lighter colors; and Advance is more natural, with matte wood or aluminum in warm, earth tones. Our bright red test car's Opal Gray Ambition interior color scheme was most tasteful. If there is any knock on the A4 Avant, it results from its 103-inch wheelbase and the lack of rear-seat leg room that creates. Space in back is adequate for kids, but if you plan to haul adults on a regular basis they are likely to feel crowded. Cargo space is less compromised. Fold the seat flat and there is 63.7 cubic feet of cargo space. Leave one side of the 60/40 seat upright and there is still room for long items, such as skis. My other complaint centers on a radio that is overly complicated and confusing to use. I overheard Audi officials indicate a simpler design is in the offing for future models. If you like the A4 Avant but think it is not big enough, take heart. There's now an A8. The base price of our test car was \$26,440. Options included the Sport Package that brought the sticker price to \$27,500. Audi's standard warranty is for three years or 50,000 miles, and scheduled maintenance during that same period is free.

Points & Plugs

Beetles old and new to be available

By Rick Stoff

Can't get your hands on one of the new Volkswagen Beetles? How about a new old Beetle? Nostalgia Motor Cars Inc. of Los Angeles has announced plans to import 9,999 old Beetles annually from Mexico, where the cars still are produced. The company will update the cars so they will meet full U.S. EPA and Department of Transportation safety standards.

The cars will hit the streets with a base sticker price of \$13,995. Available options will include air conditioning, electric sun roofs and leather seats. The company hopes to put them on sale next March through a network of dealers. Buddy, can you spare a campaign check? The auto industry spared no expense in supporting political candidates this fall, according to data reported by the Federal Election Commission. Through mid-October, the United Auto Workers union gave \$3.3 million to fund the 1997-98 campaign period. Contributions by five organizations on the business side totaled \$7.2 million. The National Automobile Dealers Association contributed more than \$2.5 million to federal candidates for the 1997-98 campaign period. Americans for Free International Trade, which represents dealers of imported cars, donated \$1.7 million. Chrysler's federal contributions totaled \$800,000, while Ford kicked in \$670,000 and General Motors handed over \$737,000.

Financial analysts believe Ford Motor Co. is on the prowl to buy something bigger than politicians, and they can't wait to find out what it will be. According to Business Week magazine, Ford's success has enabled it to build a \$23 billion cash reserve. The company obviously would like to keep a large nest egg for the next rainy day (or economic slump), but might be able to spare \$4 billion or \$5 billion to acquire other businesses, such as a foreign automobile company. Stay on the lookout for wild animals as the weather continues to turn colder. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds us that collisions involving deer killed five people and injured 308 people on Missouri roads in 1997. The patrol says five other people were killed in four accidents that resulted when drivers took evasive action to avoid deer, so attempting to avoid a deer might cause a more serious crash, such as one involving oncoming traffic. Most deer crashes in Missouri occur from October through December.

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